I gave them some late papers, which are always acceptable and some pea-nuts. they are 29 months out with 1500 bbls sperm oil. They have seen Thomas and wife this voyage and Lewis and his wife and now they have seen Samuel and wife. they left us about 9 P.M. I feel as if I had been peculiarly favored to have a visit from three different ladies in less than a week.

21st. A strong breeze but almost ahead. We have very fine weather now, just cool enough for comfort. We have experienced very warm, trying weather since we left Honolulu. Minnie and myself are fully agreed that we prefer going North to Sperm whaling in warm latitudes.

About a week ago the Steward thrown all the teaspoons we used for breakfast overboard in his dish-water. Samuel reproved him for his carelessness but as he had not been at sea for some years thought not much about it, we managed to find just enough to set the table with, and this morning he did the same thing again. So now we have one teaspoon left. and that does execution for us all, as a public "stirrer". Samuel using it first then I take it then the Mate, and so on down. It caused us a great deal of merriment at the table, but really I think it is no laughing matter, what we shall do when we have company, is what troubles me.

22. Rugged and blowing fresh, so much so that it was not suitable to wash raised a ship in the morning to the windward, as he wished to speak us we hauled aback. about noon we spoke. found her to be the Sea Gull, Capt and Mrs Nichols, sperm whaler, it was too rugged to gam, which disappointed us very much, as we were acquainted at home. They were bound up to French Rock. Mrs N. and myself almost wore out 2 our pocket handkerchiefs waving them.

24th A pleasant day but a head wind, improve the day by washing

25th A fair wind, made land today the North Cape of New Zealand, about sunset raised a ship astern. In the evening saw a light on the shore, which we supposed to proceed from a volcano or burning mountain

26th. A gale of wind and ahead which makes Samuel look sober as we have had a long passage and he is in great haste to get on whale-ground. In the afternoon one three pigeons which the Samoan boys gave Minnie flew from the ship and the wind was so strong that they could not get back, we thought they were lost but Samuel wore ship and we fetched them right glad were they to get on board again, being much fatigued with their journey.

27th. Raised a ship this morning but as we were bound in opposite directions we soon lost sight of her still rugged and a head wind.

28th. The wind is not very strong today but it is still a head. and quite rugged

29th A fine day. the ship nearly heads her course for the first time in almost a week. Yesterday we had a large hog killed, and we all, fore and aft, have been indulging today in fresh pork.

30th Nothing of note occurred during the week now past we are having a long passage when there is a breeze we have always been favored with a head wind. Saw a brig several days since supposed to be bound into one of the New Zealand ports the weather has been pleasant for the last week. to day we have a strong breeze amounting almost to a gale

Oct. The gale still continues, with squalls of rain at intervals, Mr Baird has been confined to his room through the day with a cold. Spoke an English ship but could not make out her name